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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Visit to [ ] on Balloon-Trajectory Problem

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1. On 18 September 1957 the undersigned met with [ ]  
[ ] to discuss the possible balloon tra-  
jectory problem that we may want them to work out.

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2. The problem was reiterated to them in the following terms. It will be necessary to lift a 100 pound payload to 30,000 feet for a period up to 24 hours after which time the balloon should descend to an altitude of 5000 feet for about  $\frac{1}{2}$  an hour and then re-ascend to ceiling, remaining there for at least 24 hours. The reliability needs to be high.

[ ] had given some consideration to the problem before the undersigned arrived and as there was no additional information that could be furnished at this time, the details of balloon size, ballast requirements, valving, etc. could not be worked out. [ ] agreed, however, to submit a proposal on the work at this time in order to expedite the work should it develop that it would have to be done on a priority basis once the project is approved. They will plan on making four flights, the first of which would simply be to test the system, the remainders as proof tests and training flights. The number of flights can be altered if this is desirable.

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A preliminary estimate for the program was \$10,000 for three months.

3. The question of a helium trailer came up. [ ] does not have access to such a trailer at this time. The undersigned agreed to inquire if a trailer could be made available to them for these flights.

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